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QUANTIFYING METHOD AND  
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.